



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
and the
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

I. Background

This Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement) formalizes a relationship between the United States Department of the Navy (DON) and the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”).

Today, the United States depends on imported fossil fuels to meet over 60 percent of its energy needs. This dependence leaves the United States vulnerable to supply disruptions and volatile prices. Fortunately, the United States has abundant renewable and natural energy resources, including wind, solar, hydrokinetic, ocean thermal, and geothermal - sources for electricity generation, and, land on which energy crops for bio-fuel or biomass products can be grown. The Parties agree that development of these renewable and natural resources will contribute to the creation and expansion of the United States’ sustainable energy economy (including renewable, natural, and nuclear and other alternative energy sources). Development of the sustainable energy economy promises to make the United States a global leader in the production of sustainable, clean, and economically beneficial energy.

The Parties believe it is in the best interests of our Federal, State, and Local Governments, as well as the business sector, and our citizens that Federal Departments and Agencies support the establishment and growth of the sustainable energy economy by actively investing in sustainable energy projects and products to reduce the federal government’s energy footprint, improve its energy efficiency, and utilize clean technologies.

II. Purpose and Basis for this Memorandum of Understanding

The Parties agree to encourage maximum use of clean technologies and sustainable energy while also working to provide practicable opportunities for small business, (including but not limited to veteran-owned small business, service-connected disabled veteran-owned small business, woman-owned small business, small disadvantaged business, historically underutilized business zone small business, and 8(a) small business, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Small Business") to pursue energy and environmental solutions to the U.S.'s overuse of fossil fuels. This may include identifying contracts for the development of energy and environmental technology, advanced biofuels and other sustainable energy systems.

Through this Agreement the Parties will work together: (1) to support President Obama's initiative to reduce energy consumption derived from fossil fuels; and (2) to increase energy production from sustainable energy sources.

III. United States Small Business Administration

The mission of the U.S. SBA is to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business by providing financial, contractual, and business development assistance and advocating on their behalf within the government. The U.S. SBA supports a wide array of entrepreneurial activity through District Offices, resource partners such as SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, Veteran's Business Centers, and specific initiatives offered in partnership with multiple organizations. SBA also provides online resources, print material and other resources to support entrepreneurial education.

IV. Department of the Navy

DON has an Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) and recently established the Naval Energy Office to respond directly to President Obama's energy challenge. The OSBP, in collaboration with the Naval Energy Office, will develop and employ proven business models and investment strategies that leverage public and private investment to achieve Naval, Defense, and National Energy goals. DON is focusing on adapting emergent power management and smart grid architectures for naval installations, while seeking to accelerate investments in sustainable energy, advanced biofuels, and infrastructure for Navy and Marine Corps installations and regions.

V. Mutual Agreement

SBA and DON mutually agree to:

1. Cooperate in developing a strategy to provide contract opportunities for small businesses on sustainable energy programs, pilots, and initiatives.

2. Explore Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology Transfer development opportunities that support energy saving and sustainable energy technologies.
3. Share technical, program management, and financial expertise in actions undertaken by each Party in support of sustainable energy projects, pilots, and programs.
4. Discuss possible joint projects, pilots and initiatives in support of sustainable energy, including how to fund and how execution responsibilities will be assigned.
5. Collaborate on communication vehicles which advance outreach to small businesses for the purpose of improving access to financial and contracting opportunities and to promote innovation in energy technology solutions that are sustainable from an economic, social, as well as environmental perspective.
6. Maintain confidentiality of data and information obtained during the term of this Agreement.

VI. Amendment and Termination

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing, or terminated by either Party upon 30 days written notice to the other Party.

VII. Points of Contact

The Points of Contact for this Agreement are:

SBA – Sean Greene, Associate Administrator of Investments and Special Advisor for Innovation

DON – Seán Crean, Director, Office of Small Business Programs

Additional Points of Contact for planning and conduct of specific activities contemplated herein shall be designated in a separate Memoranda of Understanding or Cosponsorship Agreement developed pursuant to SBA's cosponsorship authority.

VIII. Term and Effective Date

All conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both Parties. This Agreement will continue for a period of two years from date of execution unless terminated sooner in accordance with Section VI above. This Agreement may be extended for one additional two-year term subject to written agreement by the Parties.

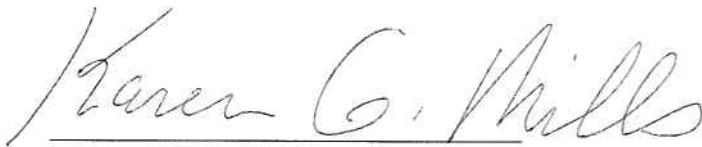
IX. Limitations

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into only as a declaration of present intent and does not authorize the expenditure of any funds. Nothing herein shall be

construed as a legally binding commitment to any part of Parties hereto either individually or collectively. This Agreement does not create any rights, either on the part of any Party hereto or any third party and shall not limit either Party from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities. Any provision of this Agreement that conflicts with federal law will be null and void.

X. Approvals

The following individuals have authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of their respective agencies.



Karen Gordon-Mills
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration



Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy

Date: 10/16/2010

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